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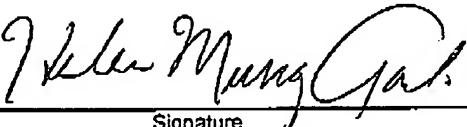
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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF LIQUID  
CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL AND  
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS OF  
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL

Examiner: R. H. Kim

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009, the Examiner has required restriction between one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a manufacturing method of a liquid crystal display panel; and
- II. Claims 11-13, drawn to a manufacturing apparatus used in a manufacturing method of a liquid crystal display panel.

The Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- (1) the specifics of the method wherein the releasing step is performed after the step of arranging the substrate in a pressure-reduced atmosphere and before

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the step of arranging the sealant comprising a first embodiment corresponding to Figure 1;

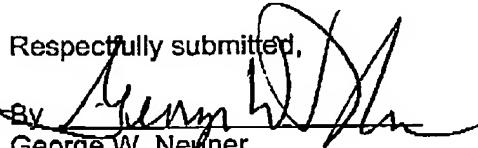
- (2) the specifics of the method wherein the releasing step is performed after the step of arranging the sealant and before the step of dropping the liquid crystal comprising a second embodiment corresponding to Figure 5; and
- (3) the specifics of the method wherein the releasing step is performed after the step of dropping the liquid crystal and before the step of bonding the substrates to each other comprising a third embodiment corresponding to Figure 6.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, Species (1), for further examination in the present application. Applicants hereby submit that claims 1-6 are readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining species of Group I if necessary, and the species of Group II in divisional applications.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

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